

March 21, 2002

Pelican Beach Motel
16855 Highway 101 North
Smith River, CA 95567

Notice of Proposed No Further Action related to petroleum discharges
Comment Period ends April 22, 2002

Problem Description: Three underground storage tanks were discovered on the subject property in 1992 as remnants from a prior Shell service station. Tank number 1, a 250-gallon gasoline tank, was removed on December 16, 1993. Tank number 2, a 500-gallon gasoline tank, and tank number 3, a 1500-gallon gasoline tank, were removed on December 17, 1993. All tanks were in poor condition, with numerous pits and holes. During excavation soil samples revealed maximum contamination levels of 160 ppm TPH-gas from the pit of tanks 1 and 2. Groundwater samples from the pit of tanks 1 and 2 revealed contamination of 150 ppb TPH-gas and 0.66 ppb Toluene. All other petroleum constituents resulted under detection limits for tanks 1 and 2. Soil samples from the excavation of tank number 3 resulted below detection limits for all petroleum constituents.

Interim Actions Completed: Four Geoprobe borings were drilled on April 7, 2000 in the vicinities of the former tanks during the first phase of investigation. TPH-gas was detected in two soil borings with maximum detection of 39 ppm. BTEX and MtBE resulted below detection limits for all soil samples. Groundwater samples revealed maximum contamination of THP-gas at 20 ppm. All groundwater samples resulted below detection limits for BTEX and MtBE. The second phase of investigation occurred on August 24, 2001 and consisted of two additional Geoprobe borings. No petroleum constituents were revealed in any of the groundwater or soil samples taken during phase two of investigation.

Proposed Action: Site is proposed for no further action.

MtBE Status: MtBE was not detected in any of the soil or groundwater samples.

Unless comments are received with significant new information, Regional Water Board staff plans to concur with no further action upon close of 30-day comment period.

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